

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1405

By Lundberg

A RESOLUTION to honor Jeff Stinson on being named a top five finalist for the American Trucking Association's Driver of the Year award.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in paying tribute to an exemplary trucking industry professional who has devoted his career, both as a driver and an instructor, to highway safety; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Stinson of Blountville, who has thirty-five years of accident-free driving to his credit, was recently named a top five finalist for the American Trucking Association's Driver of the Year award; and

WHEREAS, a thirty-year employee of FedEx Freight, Mr. Stinson currently serves as the driver development instructor at the company's Kingsport facility, training employees to become commercial-driver-license-qualified drivers; and

WHEREAS, he also is a member of the committee for driver safety reviews and leads the FedEx Freight Safety Committee in Kingsport; and

WHEREAS, renowned as a mentor who tirelessly recruits drivers into the industry, Jeff Stinson has also distinguished himself as a competitor by winning numerous driving and safety awards; and

WHEREAS, he was named the Tennessee Trucking Association's Driver of the Year in 2021 and received the FedEx Freight Bravo Zulu Award for Safety in that same year; he has also been honored with the company's President's Safety Team Award and Master President Safety Team Award; and

WHEREAS, in the Tennessee Truck Driving Championship, Jeff Stinson finished third in the tanker category for three consecutive years before taking home the gold in 2016; he finished ninth nationally in the tanker category in that same year; and

WHEREAS, he repeated as the winner of the tanker category in 2017 and was also named the overall Grand Champion of the event; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, Mr. Stinson finished fourth in the four-axle category, and he took second place in the tanker category in the 2019 Tennessee Truck Driving Championship; and

WHEREAS, at the age of twenty, Jeff Stinson proudly followed in his grandfather's footsteps by becoming a truck driver; and

WHEREAS, his first trucking job was driving a hydro-seed truck for Country Boy Seeding; he then served as a cross-country driver for Carretta Trucking and pulled a tanker for Smith Oil before joining FedEx in 1992; and

WHEREAS, as a Tennessee Road Team Captain, Mr. Stinson visits schools to teach children about safely sharing the road with tractor trailers and other safe-driving practices; he also generously helps organize events to collect and distribute school supplies to local elementary students; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Stinson works with purpose and commitment to keep our roads and highways safe, and he is worthy of our approbation on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor Jeff Stinson on being named a top five finalist for the American Trucking Association's Driver of the Year award, salute his thirty-five years of accident-free driving as a trucking professional, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to

the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.